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POLITICAL

CHINESE COMMUNISTS SMASH "COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES" -- Ch'ang-ch'un, Kirin Jih-pao, 11 Jan 60

CPYRGHT

A clique of four counterrevolutionaries, led by Miao P'ei-lin, was smashed recently, according to a report of the Public Security Bureau of the city of Kirin in Kirin Province. Miao is identified as one of the founders and leaders of the "Righteousness Party of China" whose objectives are "to destroy the Communist Party, to overthrow the dictatorship of the proletariat, and to oppose the Soviet Union as the leader of the socialist camp."

ECONOMIC

COMPLETE FIGURES ON SOVIET SPRING PLANTING -- Moscow, Sel'skaya Zhizn', 8 Jun 60

CPYRGHT

The USSR has completed its spring crop planting. By 5 June 1960, some 137,301,000 hectares had been planted to spring crops, or 103 percent of the amount planned. The area devoted to spring crops has been increased by 4 million hectares. The 1960 planting plan has been fulfilled as follows: for spring wheat, 108 percent; cotton, 101; sunflowers, 102; sugar beets, 100.6; and annual grass 101 percent. The plan for planting corn has been exceeded in the last few days; 25 million hectares have been devoted to this crop.

[Comment: Selskaya Zhizn' of 3 June 1960 indicated that the spring planting had already been completed, see Foreign Press Bulletin for 20 June 1960.]

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EAST GERMAN CROPS RETARDED, YIELD PROSPECTS AVERAGE -- Berlin, Die  
Deutsche Landwirtschaft, Vol XI, No 6, Jun 60  
CPYRGHT

The spring development of winter grain, which, except for winter wheat, is usually completed by mid-May and thus makes preliminary yield prognoses of winter rye, winter barley, and winter rape possible, has been retarded in 1960 to such an extent that only conditional estimates can be made. Only the earing of winter rye had started by mid-May.

The persistently low nitrate content of the soil, the hot weather in early May, and the water shortage which has manifested itself in some localities can be considered as yield-reducing factors for winter rye; the good wintering and the dry beginning of spring can be regarded as yield-increasing factors. Since the negative factors somewhat outweigh the positive ones, more than normal yields cannot be expected at the present stage of crop development. Winter barley should show better results than winter rye wherever the former was not seriously damaged and where there are evenly developed stands. There will be great local variations in the yields of winter rape in East Germany's north, while the yields in the south will be uniform and better.

[Comment: The above information was taken from the loose-leaf enclosure on crop and weather conditions to the monthly Die Deutsche Landwirtschaft, the authoritative source on East German crop and weather conditions. Details are given in the Weekly Economic Report on Eastern Europe (306).]

NORTH KOREAN NEWS AGENCY FUNCTIONARY DISCUSSES CHINESE COMMUNES --  
P'yongyang, Nodong Sinmun, 13 Jun 60, p 4

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The Chinese workers have discovered a form of socialist organization, the people's commune, which is most suitable for China and which is capable of developing industry and agriculture simultaneously in the rural areas. More than 92 percent of China's rural area has already been communalized. Some 200,000 factories and enterprises with a total production value of 10 billion yuan are operating in the communes. Although about 30 percent of the planted area of Communist China suffered damage by natural calamities in 1959, yields of agricultural products exceeded those of 1958 by 16.7 percent. -- Ko Song-sun

[Comment: Ko Song-sun is the deputy director of the Korean Central News Agency, who wrote the above as part of an article on Communist China, following a 20-day visit of his to that country as a member of a North Korean delegation.]

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